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(Revised to August 1942)

MANDATORY STANDARDS

Under U. S. Cotton Futures Act and U. S. Cotton Standards Act:

Cotton:
- Grade and Color:
  - Upland:
    - White grades. Promulgated 1914; last revision effective 1936.
    - Tinged and yellow stained. Promulgated 1916; rev. 1923; repromulgated 1923, effective 1924; last revision 1936.
    - Gray and spotted. Promulgated 1922; repromulgated 1923, effective 1924; last revision effective 1936.
    - Extra white. Promulgated 1926, effective 1927; last rev. effective 1936.
      (S.R.A. 92, S.R.A. 117, S.R.A. 146, S.R.A. 150 (Agr. Econ.); M.P. 310.)
  - American Egyptian. Promulgated 1918; last rev. 1940, effective 1941.
    (S.R.A. 117, S.R.A. 146, (Agr. Econ.), S.R.A. 163 (AMA)
  - Sea Island. Promulgated 1918; discontinued 1925; new Sea Island standards promulgated 1938, effective 1939.
    (S.R.A. 153, (Agr. Econ.), S.R.A. 163 (AMA)
- Length of staple. Promulgated 1918; original representations, last rev. 1928, effective 1929; staple types of additional lengths effective 1933; staple types for Sea Island cotton effective 1939.
  (S.R.A. 163 (AMA)
- American cotton linters:
  - Grade: Promulgated 1925, effective 1926.
    (S.R.A. 94 (Agr. Econ.)
  - Color: Promulgated 1927, effective 1928.
    (S.R.A. 109 (Agr. Econ.)

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Under U. S. Grain Standards Act:

Grain:
- Corn. Promulgated 1916; revised 1934; amended 1935, 1937.
- Wheat. Promulgated 1917; revised 1934; amended 1934, 1935, 1937.
- Oats. Promulgated 1919; revised 1934; amended 1935, 1937, 1941.
- Rye. Promulgated 1923; revised 1934; amended 1934, 1935, 1941.
- Grain Sorghums. Promulgated 1924; revised 1934; amended 1935.
- Feed Oats. Promulgated 1925; revised 1934; amended 1935.
- Mixed Feed Oats. Promulgated 1925; revised 1934; amended 1935.
- Barley. Promulgated 1926; revised 1934; amended 1935, 1937.
- Mixed Grain. Promulgated 1934; amended 1934, 1935.
- Flaxseed. Promulgated 1934; amended 1935.
- Soybeans. Promulgated 1940; revised 1941.
  (Handbook of Official Grain Standards of the United States; revised September 1941.)

MANDATORY STANDARDS (CONT.)

Under U. S. Export Apple and Pear Act of 1933:

Apples. Promulgated 1933.
Pears. Promulgated 1933.
(S. R. A. 143 (Agr. Econ.) revised and amended 1938.)

Under U. S. Standard Container Acts of 1916 and 1928:

Containers:
Climax Baskets. Promulgated 1916; amended 1934.
Berry Boxes. Promulgated 1916.
Till Baskets. Promulgated 1916.
(S. R. A. 104 (Agr. Econ.) revised.)
Hampers. Promulgated 1928.
Round Stave Baskets (including straight-side baskets). Promulgated 1928.
Splint or Market Baskets. Promulgated 1928.
(S. R. A. 116 (Agr. Econ.) and amends.)

Under U. S. Warehouse Act:

(Note: When storing a commodity, for grades of which U. S. standards have been officially promulgated, such grades must be used if warehouse receipt states the grade. In the absence of such grades, the Dept. of Agr. permits the use by licensed warehousemen of such grades as seem best to meet the needs.)

Under Tobacco Stocks and Standards Act: (For reporting stocks of leaf tobacco)
Tobacco. Classification of leaf tobacco. Promulgated 1929.

Under Tobacco Inspection Act:
Flue-cured tobacco of Types 11 to 14. Promulgated 1936.
Fire-cured tobacco of Types 21 to 24. Promulgated 1936; rev. 1939.
Burley tobacco of Type 31. Promulgated 1936; amended 1938.
Dark air-cured tobacco of Types 35 to 37. Promulgated 1940. (These standards include former standards for Green River tobacco of Type 36, promulgated in 1937.)
(Mimeographed circulars)

Under Commodity Exchange Act:

(Under this Act the U. S. standards are mandatory insofar as they apply to contracts for futures. These include the standards for grain, cotton, butter, wool top, and potatoes.)

PERMISSIVE STANDARDS

Used in services offered under annual appropriation acts covering inspection of fruits, vegetables, hay, livestock and meats, and other perishable farm products (Shipping-point and market inspection); used in demonstration work, etc.

	Recommended	Promulgated	Effective Date 1/
Beans, dry edible	1926	1931	Sept. 1941
Broomcorn	1926		Aug. 1931
Butter (Unnumbered pamphlet)	1918		Apr. 1, 1939
Cheese, American (whole milk). (Office of Secretary Cir. 157)	1922		Being revised
Cotton seed	1929	1932	July 18, 1939
Eggs, Shell (Bulk), U. S. Wholesale	1923		1929
Eggs, Shell (Bulk), U. S. Retail	1923		1929
Eggs, Shell (Bulk), U. S. Export	1941		Sept. 2, 1941
Eggs, Shell (Individual). (Handbook of Official United States Standards for Individual Eggs)		1934	Feb. 16, 1934

(Mimeographed circulars unless otherwise stated)

Fruits and Vegetables (including Honey, Pecans, Peanuts, etc.):			
Anise, sweet	1930		Dec. 3, 1930
Apples (S.R.A. (Agr. Mktg. Serv.) 154)	1918	1924	Sept. 1, 1937
Apples, cannery	1930		July 23, 1930
Apricots	1928		May 25, 1928
Artichokes	1926		Feb. 10, 1926
Asparagus	1922		Feb. 15, 1941
Asparagus (Plumosus)	1930		June 6, 1930
Asparagus for canning or freezing	1937		Dec. 22, 1937
Beans, Snap	1924		Aug. 1, 1936
Beans, Snap, for canning or freezing	1938		Mar. 1, 1940
Beans, Faba (Fava), fresh	1931		Apr. 16, 1931
Beans, Lima	1938		Jan. 5, 1938
Beets, bunched	1924		Aug. 9, 1927
Beets, topped	1934		May 1, 1934
Beets, with short-trimmed tops	1942		May 13, 1942
Broccoli, bunched, Italian sprouting	1930		Oct. 1, 1940
Cabbage	1921		Dec. 20, 1939

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PERMISSIVE STANDARDS (CONT.)

Fruits and Vegetables (Cont.)

	Recommended	Promulgated	Effective Date 1/
Cabbage for sauerkraut manufacture	1932		Feb. 11, 1933
Cantaloups	1923		May 20, 1937
Carrots, bunched	1924		Dec. 15, 1937
Carrots, topped	1926		Oct. 24, 1928
Carrots, with short-trimmed tops	1942		Mar. 2, 1942
Cauliflower	1922		Aug. 7, 1939
Celery, rough	1922		Jan. 10, 1938
Cherries, red sour, for manufacture	1931		Apr. 20, 1941
Cherries, sweet, for export for sulphur brining	1940		May 28, 1940
Cherries, sweet	1926		June 2, 1927
Citrus Fruits,			
(Florida	1923		
(Texas	1929		
(Florida and Texas, now combined			Sept. 29, 1941 2/
Corn, green	1926		Jan. 20, 1927
Corn, sweet for canning	1932		Feb. 21, 1935
Cucumbers, greenhouse	1934		Oct. 1, 1934
Cucumbers, slicing	1922		Feb. 15, 1941
Cucumbers, for pickling	1936		Dec. 10, 1936
Dewberries and Blackberries	1926		Feb. 13, 1928
Eggplant	1925		Dec. 1, 1933
Endive or Escarole or Chicory	1928		June 15, 1933
Garlic	1927		Sept. 1, 1934
Grapes, American (eastern type) bunch	1925		July 14, 1930
Grapes, juice (European type)	1923		July 20, 1939
Grapes, sawdust pack (European type)	1925		July 20, 1939
Grapes, table (European type)	1923		July 20, 1939
Grapefruit, California and Arizona	1929		Mar. 15, 1941
Grapefruit (for Florida and Texas see Citrus Fruits)			
Honey (Comb and Extracted)	1927		Aug. 1933
Honey Dew and Honey Ball Melons	1927		May 20, 1937
Horseradish roots	1936		July 27, 1936
Kale	1934		Apr. 25, 1934
Lemons	1938		Mar. 15, 1941
Lettuce	1922		Mar. 15, 1934
Lettuce, greenhouse, leaf	1934		Oct. 1, 1934
Limes (Persian) Tahiti	1939		May 1, 1934
Maple Sirup, for reprocessing	1939		Feb. 15, 1940
Maple Sirup (table)	1939		Feb. 15, 1940

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2/ Amended November 17, 1941.

PERMISSIVE STANDARDS (CONT.)

Fruits and Vegetables (Cont.)

	Recommended	Promulgated	Effective Date 1/
Mushrooms	1928		Oct. 1, 1928
Mustard Greens	1928		Dec. 18, 1928
Nectarines	1938		July 27, 1938
Okra	1928		Dec. 18, 1928
Onions, Bermuda	1918		Mar. 29, 1937
Onions, Creole	1926		May 15, 1941
Onions, northern grown	1920		July 17, 1939
Onion Sets	1935		Feb. 1, 1940
Oranges, California and Arizona	1929		Mar. 15, 1941
Oranges (for Florida and Texas, see Citrus Fruits)			
Parsley	1930		July 30, 1930
Peaches	1922		Apr. 22, 1933
Peaches, freestone, for canning or freezing	1942		June 4, 1942
Peanuts, farmers' stock Virginia type	1929		Nov. 1, 1934
Peanuts, farmers' stock White Spanish	1924		Oct. 11, 1928
Peanuts, shelled White Spanish	1921		Sept. 1, 1939
Peanuts, shelled runner	1925		Sept. 1, 1939
Peanuts, farmers' stock runner	1931		Sept. 1, 1939
Peanuts, shelled Virginia type	1932		Nov. 1, 1939
Peanuts, cleaned (unshelled) Virginia type	1932		Nov. 1, 1935
Pears, Summer and Fall (supersede standards for Pears recommended in 1924)	1940		June 27, 1940
Pears, Winter (supersede standards for pears recommended in 1924)	1940		July 8, 1940
Pears, for canning	1939		June 12, 1939
Peas, fresh	1926		June 1, 1942
Pecans, shelled	1938		Nov. 1, 1938
Pecans, unshelled	1930		Oct. 10, 1938
Peonies, Cut, in the bud	1938		Apr. 1, 1938
Peppers, Sweet	1923		Sept.30, 1929
Pineapples	1924		Dec. 4, 1931
Pineapples, Porto Rican	1931		Oct. 27, 1931
Plums and Prunes	1924		June 3, 1937
Potatoes (S.R.A. 151, (AMA)	1917	1926	June 1, 1942
Potatoes, Sweet	1920		June 15, 1937

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PERMISSIVE STANDARDS (CONT.)

Fruits and Vegetables (Cont.)

	Recommended	Promulgated	Effective Date 1/
Radishes, bunched	1926		Feb. 25, 1926
Raspberries	1931		May 29, 1931
Rhubarb (field grown)	1933		Mar. 10, 1933
Romaine	1928		Dec. 18, 1928
Shallots, bunched	1927		Oct. 3, 1941
Spinach	1925		Sept. 4, 1931
Spinach, cannery	1930		Apr. 10, 1931
Strawberries	1918		Mar. 23, 1942
Strawberries, growers' stock for manufacture	1935		June 1, 1935
Strawberries, washed and sorted for freezing	1935		June 1, 1935
Tangerines	1941		Sept.29, 1941 3/
Tomatoes, canning	1923		Dec. 31, 1938
Tomatoes for manufacture of strained tomato products	1933		Mar. 1, 1934
Tomatoes, fresh	1922		Sept. 3, 1934
Tomatoes, greenhouse	1934		Oct. 1, 1934
Turnips, bunched	1924		Aug. 9, 1927
Turnip Greens	1928		Dec. 18, 1928
Turnips or Rutabagas, topped	1933		Apr. 15, 1935
Walnuts, English, shelled (Juglans regia)	1939		Sept.30, 1939
Walnuts, English, unshelled (Juglans regia)	1939		Sept.30, 1939
Watermelons	1923		June 26, 1939

(Mimeographed circulars unless otherwise stated)

PROCESSED FOODS (Canned, Dried, and Frozen Fruits and Vegetables):

Canned Foods

Apple Juice	1941		Feb. 15, 1941
Apple Sauce	1932		Jan. 25, 1934
Apples	1938		July 1, 1940
Apricots	1936		Feb. 1, 1941
Asparagus	1938		Sept.15, 1941
Beans, dry	1933		Jan. 10, 1934
Beans, lima	1931		Sept. 1, 1936
Beans, snap	1928	1932	Feb. 23, 1933

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3/ Amended October 27, 1941.

PERMISSIVE STANDARDS (CONT.)

PROCESSED FOODS
(Canned, Dried, and Frozen Fruits and Vegetables):

Canned Foods

	Recommended	Promulgated	Effective Date 1/
Beets	1929		Oct. 1, 1941
Blackberries	1940		May 15, 1940
Carrots	1932		July 1, 1940
Cherries, pitted, sulphured	1934		May 17, 1934
Cherries, unpitted, sulphured	1934		May 17, 1934
Cherries, red sour pitted	1933		July 15, 1941
Cherries, sweet	1936		May 15, 1940
Corn, cream style	1928	1930	Dec. 1, 1932
Corn, whole grain	1928	1930	Dec. 1, 1932
Figs, Kadota	1941		Mar. 1, 1941
Fruit Cocktail	1941		Feb. 1, 1941
Fruits for Salad	1942		Apr. 1, 1942
Grapefruit	1931	1934	Jan. 25, 1934
Grapefruit Juice	1936		Dec. 15, 1941
Lemon Juice	1941		July 1, 1941
Mushrooms	1931		May 15, 1941
Okra	1933		Oct. 18, 1933
Olives, Ripe	1941		Mar. 1, 1941
Olives, Salt-cured	1940		Nov. 25, 1940
Olives, Sicilian style	1940		Nov. 25, 1940
Orange Juice	1941		Mar. 2, 1942
Orange and Grapefruit Juice	1941		Jan. 15, 1941
Peaches, Yellow Clingstone	1935		July 1, 1941
Peaches, Freestone	1940		July 1, 1942
Peanut Butter	1941		Jan. 9, 1941
Pears	1936		Apr. 15, 1942
Peas	1928	1930	May 1, 1942
Peas, Black-eye	1939		Apr. 10, 1939
Pickles, Cucumber	1941		Jan. 15, 1941
Pimientos	1933		Oct. 6, 1933
Plums (including Italian Prunes)	1936		July 1, 1940
Pumpkin or Squash	1929		Mar. 15, 1934
Raspberries, Red	1940		May 15, 1940
Sauerkraut	1930		Feb. 8, 1933
Sauerkraut, bulk	1935		May 27, 1935
Spinach (and other greens)	1928		Dec. 1, 1941
Succotash	1932		Apr. 11, 1932
Sweetpotatoes	1934		Aug. 1, 1934

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PERMISSIVE STANDARDS (CONT.)

PROCESSED FOODS
(Canned, Dried, and Frozen Fruits and Vegetables):

Canned Foods

	Recommended	Promulgated	Effective Date 1/
Tomatoes	1928	1930	June 1, 1942
Tomato Catsup	1934		Apr. 15, 1941
Tomato Juice	1934		Aug. 29, 1938
Tomato Pulp	1932		Jan. 25, 1934
Dried Foods			
Apples	1940		Jan. 15, 1940
Apricots	1941		July 1, 1942
Peaches	1942		June 1, 1942
Prunes	1939		Apr. 5, 1941
Raisins (processed)	1942		Mar. 2, 1942
Frozen Foods			
Asparagus	1942		Apr. 1, 1942
Beans, Lima	1939		July 1, 1942
Broccoli	1942		July 1, 1942
Corn	1942		Apr. 1, 1942
Peas	1939		June 1, 1942

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	Recommended	Promulgated	Effective Date 1/
Hay			
Alfalfa and Alfalfa Mixed Hay	1925	1925	Apr. 1936
Timothy and Clover Hay	1923	1925	Apr. 1936
Prairie Hay	1925	1925	Apr. 1936
Johnson and Johnson Mixed Hay	1925	1925	Apr. 1936
Grain, Wild Oat, Vetch, and Grain Mixed Hay		1933	Apr. 1936
Lespedeza and Lespedeza Mixed Hay	1934		Apr. 1936
Soybean and Soybean Mixed Hay	1928	1933	Apr. 1936
Grass Hay		1927	Apr. 1936
Mixed Hay (Handbook GS 304 revised)	1925	1925	Apr. 1936
Livestock			
Slaughter Cattle (S.R.A. 112 (Agr. Econ.) Amend. No. 1, 1939 (Agr. Mktg. Serv.), and Dept. Bul. 1464, slightly rev. 1940.)	1928	1928	July 24, 1939
Vealers and Slaughter Calves (S.R.A. 113 (Agr. Econ.) and Cir. 28, last rev. 1942.)	1928	1928	July 16, 1928
Meats			
Beef Carcasses and Cuts (S.R.A. 99 (AMA)	1926	1926	Nov. 26, 1941
Veal and Calf Carcasses (S.R.A. 114 (Agr. Econ.), Amend. No. 1, 1940 (Agr. Mktg. Serv.), and Cir. 103, slightly rev. 1942)	1928	1928	Oct. 5, 1940
Lamb, Yearling Mutton, and Mutton Carcasses (S.R.A. 123 (Agr. Econ.), Amend. No. 1, 1940 (Agr. Mktg. Serv.), and Dept. Bul. 1470, slightly rev. 1942)	1931	1931	Oct. 5, 1940

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PERMISSIVE STANDARDS (CONT.)

	Recommended	Promulgated	Effective Date 1/
Peas, Dry	1933	1935	Aug. 1937
Peas, Split (Mimeographed circulars)	1936	1937	July 1937
Poultry, Dressed	1931		Mar. 1938
Poultry, Live	1928		Apr. 1937
Rabbits, Dressed Domestic	1932		Apr. 1932
Rice, Brown	1927	1937	May 1942
Rice, Milled	1918	1927	May 1942
Rice, Rough (Mimeographed circular)	1923	1927	May 1942
Straw (Wheat, Oat, Barley, Rye, and Rice Straw)	1932	1933	Apr. 1936
Turkeys, Dressed (Mimeographed circular)	1928		1933
Wool, Diameter of Fiber		1923	Sept. 1, 1931
Wool Top, Diameter of Fiber		1926	Jan. 1, 1940

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TENTATIVE STANDARDS

Under U. S. Cotton Standards Act:

Cotton. For preparation of long-staple cotton. Announced 1929.
(S. R. A. 117 (Agr. Econ.)

Used in market news or grading service, or educational or demonstration work, etc.

Cream, churning. Recommended 1935.
(Mimeographed circular)

Barreled Fruits and Vegetables:
Cherries, pitted, sulphured or in brine. Recommended 1934.
Cherries, unpitted, sulphured or in brine. Recommended 1934.
Sauerkraut. Recommended 1934; rev. 1935.
(Mimeographed circulars)

Hides and Skins:
Tentative schedules of market classes and grades, butcher and country green salted cattle hides. Recommended 1932.
Tentative market classes and grades of green salted kips and calfskins. Recommended 1931.
(Mimeographed circulars)

Livestock:
Lambs and Sheep. Recommended 1936; slightly rev. 1940.
(Cir. 383)
Hogs, Slaughter. Recommended 1930; revised 1940. (Cir. 569)
Stocker and Feeder Cattle and Calves. Recommended 1938; slightly rev. 1942.
(Cir. 505)

Meats:
Lamb, Yearling Mutton, and Mutton carcasses and cuts. Recommended 1927; slightly rev. 1942.
(Dept. Bul. 1470)
Pork carcasses and fresh cuts. Recommended 1933.
(Cir. 288)
Veal and Calf carcasses and cuts. Recommended 1930; last rev. 1942.
(Cir. 103)

Tobacco:
Maryland tobacco of Type 32. Recommended 1927; last rev. 1933. (Revision under consideration.)
Ohio Cigar Tobacco of Types 42 to 44. Recommended 1942.
Wisconsin Cigar Tobacco of Types 54 and 55. Recommended 1925; last rev. 1942.
United States standard tobacco sizes. Recommended 1926.
(Misc. Cir. 83)

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